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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

In the set of claims within the Application, please amend previously presented claims as hereinafter indicated.

1. - 26. (cancelled)

27.-32 (Withdrawn)

33. (Currently Amended) A flexible coupling capable of transmitting torque and comprising:

a first member having a rotary axis and comprising at least three pins;

a second member comprising at least six sockets; and

a third member having a rotary axis and comprising at least three pins,

wherein the first member is connected to the second member by at least three joints and the second member is connected to the third member by at least three joints, the joints being circumferentially spaced about said axes,

wherein each joint comprises a pin carried by the first or third member and a socket carried by the second member, the pin registering into the socket so that torque can be transmitted between the respective joint members and so that relative sliding and rotational movement can take place between each pin and associated socket,

wherein the sockets of the second member are connected by flexible extensions to each other such that the first and third members can articulate relative to one another.

34. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 33 wherein the pins of at least the first or third member are flexibly mounted thereto.

35. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 33 wherein the sockets are mounted on a ring and interconnected by flexible elements.

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36. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 33 wherein longitudinal axes formed by the socket and pin joints lie in a single plane.

37-38 (Withdrawn)

39. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 35 wherein the sockets are formed by inserts received in bores in said ring, the bores being flexibly interconnected.

40. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 33 wherein the pins have cylindrical surfaces which engage with cylindrical bores on the sockets.

41. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 33 wherein the pins have part-spherical heads received in cylindrical bores in the sockets.

42 – 44. (Withdrawn)

45. (Previously Presented) A flexible coupling according to claim 35 wherein the first and third members comprise outwardly projecting pins received in alternate sockets on the ring.

46-62. (Withdrawn)